

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
A B S T R A C T

Prisons Department – Disciplinary Proceedings initiated against Sri Sreerama Raja Rao, former Jailor, Central Prison, Cherlapalli and now working at Central Prison, Sri Potti Sreeramulu Nellore District and Sri Mamoon Masood, former Jailor, District Sub-Jails Officer, Rangareddy District, now retired from service – Further action dropped – Orders – Issued.

HOME (PRISONS.A) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.NO. 456

DATED:09-11-2009

Read:-

From the Director General and Inspector General of Prisons and Correctional Services, Hyderabad, Letter No.EA2/677/2004, dated 18-09-2009.

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O R D E R:

The Superintendent of Jails, Central Prison, Cherlapalli, in his letter, dated 06-11-2004, has submitted a report stating that he has ordered to conduct a surprise thorough search of detenues blocks, and they found (2) Cell Phones and cash from certain detenues lodged in the Central Prison, Cherlapalli, during special searches of detenues block i.e. Sarada Block on 02-11-2004 evening, and informed that Sri T.V.Diwakar, Warder, Sri P.V.R.Murthy, Warder and Sri G.Gopala Reddy, Warder, Sri Sreerama Raja Rao, Jailor, and Sri Mamoon Masood, Jailor are responsible to enable the detenues to smuggle the two Cell Phones and cash inside the jail.

2. The Director General and Inspector General of Prisons and Correctional Services, Hyderabad, vide Proc. No.EA2/677/2004, dated 04-03-2005, and Proc. No.EA2/677/2004, dated 03-10-2006, has initiated disciplinary proceedings under Rule 20 of the A.P.Civil Services (CCA) Rules, 1991, against Sri Sreerama Raja Rao, Jailor, Central Prison, Cherlapalli, and Sri Mamoon Masood, the then Jailor, O/o District Sub-Jails Officer, Rangareddy, (on O.D. at Central Prison, Cherlapalli) and framed the following charge:-

CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI SREERAMA RAJA RAO, JAILOR:

“That the said Sri Sreerama Raja Rao, the then Jailor, Central Prison, Cherlapalli, and presently working as Jailor, O/O District Sub-Jails Officer, Kurnool, exhibited ineffective supervision and dereliction of duties which resulted in smuggling of cash and cell phones inside the Central Prison, Cherlapalli and thereby answerable under Rule-3 of A.P.Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964”

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CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI MAMOON MASOOD, JAILOR:

“That the said Sri Mamsoon Massood, the then Jailor, O/O District Sub-Jails Officer, Rangareddy District, (on OD at Central Prison, Cherlapalli), (now retired from service on superannuation), exhibited ineffective supervision and dereliction of duties which resulted in smuggling of cash and cell phones inside the Central Prison, Cherlapalli and thereby answerable under Rule-3 of A.P.Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964”

3. The Government vide G.O.Ms.No.223, Home (Prisons.A) Department, dated 29-10-2008, issued orders in terms of Rule 9 of the A.P.Revised Pension Rules, 1980, directed the Director General and Inspector General of Prisons and Correctional Services, Hyderabad, to initiate common disciplinary proceedings to enquire into the charges framed against Sri Mamoon Masood, former Jailor, O/O District Sub-Jails Officer, Rangareddy District, and Sri Sreerama Raja Rao, the then Jailor, Central Prison, Cherlapalli, since Sri Mamoon Masood, Jailor has retired from service.

4. Accordingly, the Director General and Inspector General of Prisons and Correctional Services, Hyderabad, vide Proc. No.EA2/677/2004, dated 09-01-2009, has issued orders appointing Sri G.Jayawardhan, Superintendent of Jails, Central Prison, Cherlapalli, as Inquiring Authority in place of Sri K.Kesava Naidu, Superintendent, Prisoners' Agricultural Colony, Cherlapalli, to enquire into the charges framed against the two Charged Officers viz. Sri Mamoon Masood, Jailor (Retd), and Sri Sreerama Raja Rao, the then Jailor, Central Prison, Cherlapalli, and to submit his report within one month from the date of receipt of the order, duly cancelling the earlier orders issued vide Proc. No.EA2/677/2004, dated 27-11-2008.

5. Sri G.Jayawardhan, Superintendent of Jails, Central Prison, Cherlapalli, and Inquiring Authority, has conducted the common enquiry against the two Charged Officers viz. Sri Sreerama Raja Rao, Jailor and Sri Mamoon Masood, Jailor (Retd), and submitted two enquiry reports to the Director General and Inspector General of Prisons and Correctional Services, Hyderabad, holding that the charge framed against the above two Charged Officers are held proved.

6. Sri Sreerama Raja Rao, Jailor and Sri Mamoon Masood, Jailor (Retd), submitted Representations to the Director General and Inspector General of Prisons and Correctional Services, Hyderabad, stating that the two Enquiry Officers were appointed separately in which, one enquiry officer has held that the charges framed against the guarding force in the same issue has not been held proved. Whereas, the Enquiry Officer appointed in respect of Jailors has held that the charge framed against the two Charged Officers i.e. Jailors have been held proved. Though the charges which were framed are one and the same against all the 4 Charged Officers, in one case the District Sub-Jails Officer, Khammam & Enquiry Officer, has held that the charges framed against the guarding force in the same issue has not been held proved, and the Superintendent of Jails, Central Prison, Cherlapalli & Enquiry Officer appointed in respect of Jailors has held that the charge framed against the two Jailors have been held proved. Hence, they have requested to exonerate them from the charge, as was done in case of Warders.

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7. Government after examining the enquiry reports submitted by the Superintendent of Jails, Central Prison, Cherlapalli & Inquiring Authority, the explanations submitted by the two Charged Officers viz. Sri Mamoon Masood, Jailor (Retd), and Sri Sreerama Raja Rao, the then Jailor, Central Prison, Cherlapalli, and also the original records made available by the Director General and Inspector General of Prisons and Correctional Services, Hyderabad, observe that a Common Enquiry has not been ordered as required under Rule 24 of the A.P.Civil Services (CCA) Rules, 1991. Besides, two Enquiry Officers submitted two different enquiry reports. Since the charges against the lower staff who are directly responsible for conducting searches were not held proved in another enquiry, the charges against the Supervisory Officers i.e. Jailors automatically ceases. Hence, it has been decided to drop further action against the two Charged Officers viz. Sri Sreerama Raja Rao, the then Jailor, Central Prison, Cherlapalli, and Sri Mamoon Masood, Jailor (Retd).

8. Accordingly, the Government hereby drop further action against the two Charged Officers viz. Sri Sreerama Raja Rao, former Jailor, Central Prison, Cherlapalli and now working at Central Prison, Sri Potti Sreeramulu Nellore District and Sri Mamoon Masood, former Jailor, District Sub-Jails Officer, Rangareddy District, now retired from service.

9. The Director General & Inspector General of Prisons & Correctional Services, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad, shall take necessary action in the matter, accordingly.

10. The original records received from the Director General and Inspector General of Prisons and Correctional Services, Hyderabad, vide letter first read above, File bearing No.EA2/677/2004, containing pages 1 – 26 n.f., and pages 1 – 524 c.f., are returned herewith. He is requested to acknowledge the receipt of the same.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

**AJAY MISRA,
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To

The Director General & Inspector General of Prisons &
Correctional Services, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.

Copy to:

The individuals concerned,
through the Director General and Inspector General of Prisons
and Correctional Services, Hyderabad.
The Accountant General, A.P., Hyderabad.
The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, A.P., Hyderabad.
The Additional Inspector General of Prisons (DT & TR), Hyderabad.
The Deputy Inspector General of Prisons (RR), Kadapa.
The Superintendent of Jails, Central Prison, Cherlapalli.
The District Sub-Jails Officer, Sri Potti Sreeramulu Nellore District.
SF/SCs.

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SECTION OFFICER